

Baltimore, Oct. 10th 1862

Dear Father,

I rec'd your very kind letter yesterday and was very glad to hear ~~from~~ that you were all well I am here at the Hospital yet I don't know how long I shall have to stay but I guess not any longer than the first of next week, our company expects to go out into the country in a few days ~~to~~ for the purpose of enforcing the Draft they seem to rather backward about it they don't want to be drafted, the Capt. says he thinks it is off towards Washington there is one company of our Regt. down there now. Yesterday was election in the city for mayor I believe Chapman was elected on the Union ticket. Last night first at dusk there was a man killed about 20 rods from the Hospital near the market place by a sling shot, another was killed by the [?] cars but a short distance from here.

I was up to camp yesterday the boys are all well but I Jerry he has the ague. There is ~~not~~ but only about 500 men left in camp.

The remainder of them are doing guard duty here in the city. I think that this will be our winter quarters, our Col. Is related to Gen. Wood is the reason why I think we shall stay here.

We get rather hard fare here at the Hospital if I knew that I was agoing to stay here a great while I should want just to send me some *think* to eat, but as long as my money lasts I can buy milk. I have it twice a day, the boys that are in camp get all they want to eat "and more too," it is most time for the mail to close and so I to stop writing. Give my love to all and write soon. Tell Ellen that I will t[?] her in a few days.

Yours for our Country,

J. F. Brand